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The Fort Dodge Reservation.

The usual serenity of Dodge City was disturbed Monday morning when it became known that during the early hours of the morning, a number of citizens had gone and taken possession of the land known as the Fort Dodge Military Reservation, by squatting upon the land, with a view of obtaining it under the pre-emption laws of the United States. Temporary buildings have been put up and the requirements of the law are to be met as is provided in ordinary land entries. The reservation embraces a tract of land containing about 14,000 acres, and lies south of the railroad track and along the Arkansas river. The land with the exception of a few sections is bottom land and is valuable hay lands. The tract is contiguous to the city limits, and must prove valuable as suburban additions. It is stated that a resolution passed Congress, in 1884, transferring the control of the reservation from the War Department to the Interior Department, and authorizing the President to dispose of the land by opening it to settlement. No action has been taken by the Executive, and the present move is destined to hasten action on a petition that will be sent to the President, requesting him to place the lands open to settlement; and of course the squatters will have preferred rights when the land is surveyed, appraised and "opened up." The Fort buildings and grounds were abandoned to the use of the military authorities a couple of years ago, and the property has been under the care of a keeper, employed by the government. Interested parties claim to have information from Washington, which justifies the peremptory move of the squatters.

The government yet retains possession of the lands of other military reservations in Kansas, which were longer ago abandoned to military use than the Fort Dodge reservation, and whether the government will accede to the desires of the squatters, or will cause their removal, is a question that will soon be settled.

Another version stated to us is that the law as it passed congress, relating to abandoned military reservations, gives the disposition of the lands and property at the pleasure of the Secretary of the Interior. The law requires that the lands shall be surveyed into 40 acre tracts, appraised by officers of the government and sold at not less than the appraised value by giving sixty days public notice, and not more than 40 acres to be sold to one person. Under the law no residence on the land is required.

We are informed that the lands were platted by private parties some months ago, and well drawn maps showing section lines guided the squatters to their particular claims; but on some pieces of land two and three persons are claiming occupancy. The number of acres to each occupant must be restricted to less than a quarter of a section or else trouble must ensue between the claim-holders. W. G. Sherlock has the first claim of 92 acres adjoining the railroad land.

Congressional Dodgers.

Senator Blair's scientific temperance educational bill, which passed the senate unanimously, and the House with only eight votes against it, all democrats. But there were a large number who dodged the vote, and Hon. S. R. Peters, of prohibition Kansas, was one of them. Why the Hon. gentleman failed to vote we would like to know? He received the nomination in his district for the third time, but that does not yet insure his election.

Kansas Not the Tornado State.

The insurance companies send out a list of 325 towns damaged by tornadoes and high winds. The list may not include all the storms, but for advertising purposes the insurance companies would make the list as complete as possible. It will be seen from this list that Kansas is not the home of the tornado and should not be called the tornado state.

Here is a list of the tornadoes, by states: Illinois, 96; Wisconsin, 51; Iowa, 38; Missouri, 27; Indiana, 22; Ohio, 20; Minnesota, 21; Michigan, 15; Texas, 11; Mississippi, 17; Nebraska, 9; Kentucky, 7; Kansas, 7; Louisiana, 4.—Leavenworth Times.

"Prohibition won't prohibit." Well, neither will a spade speak for itself. A prohibitory law is only the tool with which the liquor traffic is to be abolished. If the people are too indolent or too cowardly to use the tool after it is placed in their hands, the discredit is on them, not on the tool.

"If the liquor traffic was completely suppressed and the amounts annually spent in saloons diverted into legitimate channels of trade, it would give such an impetus to trade and commerce as was never known in the history of civilization."—J. F. Young, of Scranton, Kansas, Delegate to last General Assembly of Knights of Labor.

Newspaper work is a very funny amusement. If you give a man a puff, he never sees it; but let one line against him appear, and he sees it before the paper is off the press; and while he would not have time to stop on the street and say "thank you" he has time to race all over town and denounce the man who seeks to print the news. 'Twas ever thus.

Miracles.

The following is the text of Rev. G. Louth's sermon, Sunday evening, in the M. E. Church:

"We know that thou art a teacher, come from God, for thou canst do the works which thou dost except God be with thee." John 11:2. "These are written that ye might believe, and that believing ye might have life through His name." John 20:31.

Miracles were performed to give the stamp of divinity to the christian scriptures. A man represents himself as a religious teacher with divine authority. In order to prove his claim he does what no man can do except God be with him. The witnesses to these events believed him clothed with supernatural power, and respond as did Nicodemus. "No man can do the works which thou dost except God be with him."

Those who did not see them must have sufficient evidence of the truthfulness of the record concerning them.

Those who saw them never doubted that they were performed by a supernatural power. Some believed it divine power, others that it was an evil power.

"He casteth out devils through the prince of devils," but all admitted it to be a power more than human. The truthfulness of the record was never disputed until A. D. 1727. The Jews saw the christians founding a religion, supported by miracles, destined to supplant Judaism. They determined to destroy it. They prayed, taught, and wrote against it. They scourged, whipped, stoned, and killed by thousands, its adherents; but they never disputed the truthfulness of the recorded miracles that furnished the principal evidence in favor of christianity.

It is as reasonable to suppose that God could perform acts above human power as it is to suppose that a man can perform acts that are above words that crawl in the dust at his feet. It is said "they violate law," "therefore, to believe them is unreasonable."

I ask how do you know they violate law? Are you acquainted with all law? If not, they may be in perfect harmony with a law which you know nothing about. We may study higher laws in heaven than we know the existence of on earth.

The probability that miracles would be performed is apparent, when we consider that man cannot believe a religion to be divine unless it be attested with miracles.

Miracles actually performed or believed in have been at the basis of all systems of religion.

If the miracles are genuine they place the divine seal upon the christian religion. If they are not genuine the fraud could easily have been exposed.

Take as an example, the record of dividing the waters of the Red sea. A whole nation was delivered from bondage. A whole army, with their king, was destroyed. Monuments were erected in memory of the event. Songs were composed and sung that have been chanted by the church in all ages in memory of the event. If it had not been true, both nations would have stood as living witnesses to its falsity, but the record was never denied.

At Christ's commands, the winds are hushed, the sea is calm, the deaf hear, the blind see, lepers are cleansed, and the dead are raised to life again. He who created all things, who is the author of all life, the organizer of all systems, the maker of all laws, who is possessed of all power, speaks and acts like a God. He does it that ye may believe, and that believing ye may be saved.

WESTERN KANSAS DEVELOPMENTS.

The money that is now being spent in Western Kansas in building houses, stores and other buildings and in making improvements on land, amounts to a vast sum each month and for twelve months it amounts to millions of dollars. This money is invested in a way that will double its value all over the western part of the state. This is not speculation, but substantial improvements such as will develop the country and create a demand for homes in this part of the state. When men bring their families into a country and break up lands, build houses, stores and the like, it means that they have confidence in the country, will make an honest effort to create out of the public domain what to them is the dearest spot on earth, a home. They are the men we need and they are finding a hearty welcome at the hands of those who came earlier. The cry from the old settler is for new men to come in; that there is room enough for all. What is needed is men who are not afraid to work, men who are skilled in tilling the soil, men who have a desire to have homes of their own.—Garden City Daily Sentinel.

Mr. J. M. Leidigh sowed some clover seed in his yard on ground that had never been broken—in fact right on the buffalo grass—and no further attention given to it. It is now taking hold all over and in many places over six inches high—is in bloom and looks strong and thrifty, despite the dry weather and the fact that it was never irrigated.—Spearville Blade.

A drinking man was one morning telling his family of a wonderful dream he had had the previous night in which he saw three cats, one fat, one lean, and one blind, and he wondered what it all meant. "I know," promptly responded his little son. "The landlady that sells you whiskey is the fat cat, mother is the lean cat and you are the blind cat."

Home Training.

Many parents raise their children too tenderly, by petting and nursing them too much, after they leave the cradle. It is all well enough for parents to love their children, but they must teach them to rely upon their own judgment, and build upon their own industry. Too many children are reared up without having any duties or responsibilities placed upon them. They do as they feel, and they always feel as they wish to do. They have no special part assigned to them to perform in the work of the home circle. They are let go to bed when they are ready and get up when they are ready. They lead a kind of a butterfly life during the time while under their parents, just because they were fed too much with a spoon. Children raised as mentioned above, never amount to anything after they become men and women, but are a clog on the wheels of time. They never stand up and battle with the realities of life; but when the shadow approaches them they weaken, and the first blow upset them. Last, but not least, parents, I'll say, love your children, teach them the habit of industry, teach them to perform their work well, and at the proper time they'll prove a blessing to the world, and a companion for the noblest work of God; and when you are dead and gone they will look back over the life which you outlined for them, and bless you.

Dodge City is enjoying a regular, genuine boom. On every side of town, buildings are being erected, and ere long the entire space from the railroad track to the river bridge will be built up solid. It is very evident that as the better element comes in, the rough element, which has heretofore greatly retarded the growth of the city, moves out. The city is soon to have electric light, telephonic communications and a street railway. The wide-awake merchants of that place are putting forth every possible effort to profit themselves by the immense trade, which naturally goes to a large distributing point. They are also aware to the fact that the country south of the river, and especially Clark and Meade county, contribute by far the largest amount of trade, and in view of this, are making themselves known through the advertising columns of nearly every newspaper in these counties, and the result is that thousands of dollars are spent there by the people from the southern country.—Appleton Era.

On a recent trip to Dodge City our country seat, we were surprised to see the change that the noble city had undergone. Instead of open saloons on the Lord's day, everything was closed and we don't suppose that St. Peter himself could get to sin the ruby wine there on Sunday. Dodge is destined to be the city of the west, her large constructed buildings that are being erected, speaks volumes for Dodge in the future. Mayor Webster should be highly complimented for his deals with the roughs, which has caused most of them to vamoose the town.—Wilbur Argus.

A GREAT DISCOVERY.

Mr. Wm. Thomas, of Newton, Ia., says: "My wife has been seriously affected with a cough for twenty-five years, and this spring more severely than ever before. She had used many remedies without relief, and being urged to try Dr. King's New Discovery, did so, with most gratifying results. The first bottle relieved her very much, and the second bottle has absolutely cured her. She has not had so good health for thirty years."

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Wm. Pogue, on Sawlog, says corn is growing well on old ground, but oats are doing poorly.

A heavy rain fell on Monday afternoon. The rain was heaviest east and south of Dodge City.

The concert at the Presbyterian Church on Thursday evening last, was well attended and was a success.

Col. R. W. Evans feels the loss of his watch, and would probably give the thief a bonus if it would return the valuable time-piece.

Moffett & Dent sold to D. N. Hutchinson 160 acres, five miles southeast, who in turn sold to Temple Bros. the same quarter for \$800.

Judge Beverley, of Trail City, was in Dodge this week. He says the dry weather in Texas is interfering with the cattle drive, and of course this will effect business at Trail City.

Rev. D. S. Donegan will preach regularly for the Baptist church in Spearville, the meetings being held every two weeks. The church has made a call upon the Elder's services for the ensuing year.

Garden City newspapers are clamoring for a remedy of the evils of the city. Malaria is prevalent there, and the city council takes no action to remove the foul condition of the city. Garden City is located on the river bottom, and deficient drainage will produce sad results.

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